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SPEECH of the Hon. William Gooch, Esq, to the General Assembly of Virginia, May 22, 1740.

Members of the Council, Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses,

AS I am entrusted by His Majesty with the Care of this Colony, and think it my indispensable Duty to direct my Conduct to your Safety. It is a very sensible Pleasure to me to find myself, on this Occasion, surrounded by Persons, as well by Interest engaged, as by Prudence and

disposed, to promote the same great End. Many Circumstances unexpectedly arise in this World, that deserve your Deliberations, and require new Determinations; yet the Security of your Country, comprehending every Thing that dear to us, I dare say, in this Conjunction, we the first Place in your Thoughts.

As, no doubt, been anxious to His Majesty's generous Mind, to hear his Subjects suffer'd measure the Calamities of War, while Peace, most solemn Engagements, seem'd to be establish'd: And had it not been for Consequences of a grievous Nature, his Subjects would have been so, if the arbitrary Proceedings of a Rival Power had been immediately humoured with light Hostilities on all Sides, his Royal Heart on fire with just Resentment, and the Aggressor sooner felt that Vengeance, which only the to his own People restrained him from; until neither Justice nor Equity could prevail to fix the just of his Desire, a lasting Friendship, consistent with an uninterrupted Commerce; the Appeal to Heaven, and the Sword must give the decision.

His Majesty's Wisdom then we repose our trust, who with Paternal Tenderness feels the Injury done his Subjects; and by his steady Councils, equal Fortitude and Firmness of Mind, determined not to give Umbrage to any other Powers to disturb him, in the last Method for obtaining Reparation and Redress.

As we, therefore, during a War carried on in Western Quarter, may be prepared to maintain our Character, I must earnestly recommend to you, making of a Bill to put our Militia upon such a footing as will best enable them to contend with Regular Troops, who excel other Men only by their Discipline. Do but consider what a lasting reputation it would be to our Name and Nation, if the Bravery of our Inhabitants, for want of being united under some such Influence, should be forced to the Orderly Disposition of Adversaries, Man to Man they would disdain. And I am assured, as the Authority I plead for, may be added to our Officers by a Temporary Law, you will find it advisable, effectually to provide for the defence of your Country, against an Enemy at present inclined to seek Revenge than make Satisfaction.

This is the only Method we can take to secure our Sovereign from being insulted by an Attack upon his Dominion: As it can't be reckon'd an Encroachment upon Liberty, when meant to guard us against the Invasion, however distant they may be thought, which is no less than our Lives and Properties; you will give me, if, after applying to your Prudence, I shall to you, that in case of an Invasion, as I must conduct your Arms, so there is not any one without a Chance of having your own Honour secured in the Event.

As also to put you in mind, that whilst Affairs are in the Posture, the late and uncertain Arrival of the will make it necessary to allow the Planters Time for bringing their Tobacco to the Public Warehouses.

Gentlemen, are the Inducements I had to you together; and I believe you will agree, they are of sufficient Importance to merit your Consideration.

And if, in your Consultations, you desire my Advice

vice to form your Resolutions, or any Confirmation from me to make them more effectual; as I deem the Interest of Virginia to be strictly my own, I shall be forward to do my Part; and think I am then rendering myself most worthy of the Royal Favour of the best of Kings, when I am serving, why may I not say, the best of Subjects.

The Humble Address of the Council, in Assembly, to the Hon. William Gooch, Esq; his Majesty's Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia.

S I R,
WE his Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Council of Virginia, now met in General Assembly, being truly sensible of the happy Effects of a mild, wise, and just Administration, beg Leave to return our sincere Thanks for your Speech at the Opening of this Session; and to assure you that we can never think his Majesty's Interest, and that of his Subjects more effectually secured, than whilst the Government of this Colony is committed to your Care. It is owing to the peculiar Happiness of your Conduct, that we have had no Hears, no Parties, no Contentions amongst us, but who should be the best of Subjects to the best of Kings, the Father of his People.

His Majesty's great Goodness and tender Regard for his People, in trying every Method to avoid the Effusion of Blood, till the Spaniards, by their Insults, and Infringement of Treaties and Engagements, had provok'd him to declare War against their King, must deserve the most affectionate Returns of Love and Duty from all his Majesty's Subjects, and raise in their Minds such a Spirit of Emulation, as will effectually support him in the Prosecution of his just Resentments.

We shall, at all times, Sir, and particularly on this Occasion, pay the greatest Deference to your Advice, and be ready, in our Station, to concur in all such Measures as may tend to compleat your generous Purposes for the Safety and Prosperity of this Colony.

To which Address the Governor was pleased to make the following Answer:

Gentlemen,
I Thank you for this very kind and obliging Address: And as the Satisfaction you express, and the Security you repose in my Administration and Advice, give me a very sensible Pleasure; so your Readiness to concur in what I have propos'd, leaves me no Room to doubt the Accomplishment of all I have in View, the Safety and true Interest of Virginia.

The Humble Address of the House of Burgesses, to the Hon. William Gooch, Esq; his Majesty's Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia.

S I R,
WE, his Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Burgesses of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia, met in a General Assembly, humbly beg Leave, in the Name of the whole People of this Colony, to return you Thanks for your kind and affectionate Speech to the Council, and this House; in which there appears an equal Concern for the Honour of our most gracious Sovereign, the Safety and Security of this his ancient Colony, and the Ease of the People whom we represent.

As the numberless Depredations, Barbarities, and Insults, committed by the Subjects of Spain, upon those of Great Britain, have justly provoked his Majesty to enter into a War; and as the Seat of it is likely to be near at our Doors, it highly behoves us to look about in time, and make such Preparations as our Circumstances will admit, for our Defence and Security, against a cruel and revengeful Enemy: And therefore, Sir, we beg Leave to assure you, that we shall most heartily and zealously concur in any Measures that may conduce to the Honour of his Majesty, and the Safety of this his Colony: And to that End, endeavour to establish our Militia on such a Footing, that in case of an Invasion or Attack, they may be enabled to contend with regular Troops. And as we are fully satisfy'd of your consummate Knowledge and

Experience, as well in Military as Civil Affairs, we should be wanting to ourselves, if we did not readily and thankfully accept the kind Offer you are pleas'd to make, of advising and assisting us in our Deliberations.

The Necessity there is, in the present Conjunction, of allowing the Planters longer Time for bringing Tobacco to the Warehouses, is so obvious, that it would be an unpardonable Neglect in us, not to embrace the present Occasion of making a temporary Provision for that Purpose. And as your recommending this to us, is an Instance of that kind Concern for the Ease and Happiness of the People, which has so eminently distinguish'd your mild and auspicious Administration, it cannot fail of raising in us the warmest Sentiments of Gratitude and Acknowledgment.

We cannot forbear, upon this Occasion, to express the deep Sense we have of his Majesty's great Goodness, in appointing you, Sir, to preside over us. May you long continue a worthy Pattern and Example to others in the like Trust; while, through the Happiness and Prosperity we enjoy under your Influence, we may still be, as we have hitherto been, the Envy of all our Neighbours.

To which Address the Governor was pleased to make the following Answer:

Gentlemen,
I Give you my hearty Thanks for your very obliging and dutiful Address: And tho' I was sensible you came together with Hearts full of Zeal and Affection for his Majesty's Service, and were determined to take that Part, which the Interest and Safety of your Country required; yet, to find that we are like to agree in Sentiments, is a very particular Satisfaction to me, and gives me Hopes, that whether in Military or Civil Affairs, Virginia will be known, by our Behaviour, to be the Eldest Sister.

Boston in New-England, June 2. On Tuesday last his Excellency the Governour made the following Speech to both Houses of the General Assembly.

Gentlemen of the Council, and House of Representatives,
I Have lately received his Majesty's Orders, relating to an Expedition design'd against some of the King of Spain's Settlements in the West-Indies, which shall be communicated to you: Wherein you will find the King's just Expectations from his Province in North America; several of which have already shewn their Zeal to his Majesty's Service and Honour, as well as to the Interest of their Country, by giving a handsome Encouragement for Men to enlist in this Service.

It is an Affair of such Consequence to the Honour of his Majesty's Crown, and may prove of such Advantage to all his American Dominions, and in an especial Manner to this Province, that I most earnestly recommend to you the doing every Thing on your Part to encourage so noble an Enterprize.

Since the sitting of the last Assembly, Lieutenant-Governor Clarke of New-York, has sent me what has pass'd there, respecting the Settlement of the Boundary between this Province and that, which shall be laid before you: And I shall be glad such Measures may be taken upon, as may bring that Affair to a just and amicable Issue.

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,
The unhappy Proceedings of the last House of Representatives, in refusing to draw in the Bills they were oblig'd to by Law, and to make Provision for Payment of the Publick Debts, or for the necessary Defence of the Province, I hope will stimulate you to make these Things your early Care.

I do in a very particular Manner recommend to your Consideration the weak and defenceless Condition of Castle William, as represented to me by the Hon. Lieutenant-Governor Phipps, the Commander there, and also what I have receiv'd from the Commanders of the other Forts and Garrisons of the Province.

Gentlemen of the Council, and House of Representatives,
The Law which restrain'd Private Traders with the Indians is expir'd, and having received frequent Accounts of the great Abuses practis'd upon them by such Traders, I think it absolutely necessary that a Bill should be prepar'd to be pass'd into a Law, forbidding

bidding all such Traders, for the future, that so the Trade of the Province may be carry'd on in Conformity to the Treaties with those People: Which would not only prevent the Injustice and Oppression they suffer from Private Traders, but would also have a natural Tendency to lengthen out the Peace and Friendship now subsisting with them.

The Term for which your Excise was farm'd is near expiring; you will therefore take the needful Care about it; and if you rais'd the Excise in Ease of the Import, it would be agreeable to the Wisdom of all Nations; and to enlarge it, particularly on Rum, and all other Spirituous Liquors, might be some Restraint on the great Intemperance which People of the best Figure and Virtue among us are daily complaining of.

Gentlemen,
I hope you will diligently apply yourselves to such Things as may most of all promote the Publick Good, in which you will always be sure of my hearty Consent.

May 29, 1740.

J. BELCHER.

In Answer to that Part of the foregoing Speech which refers to an Expedition to the Spanish West Indies, the General Court have passed the following Order, viz.

Ordered, That a Bounty or Premium be paid out of the Publick Treasury to each effective and able-bodied Man who shall enlist himself to serve as a Soldier in the design'd Expedition to the Spanish West Indies.

That the said Bounty be Five Pounds in Bills of the Old Tenor, or One Pound Thirteen Shillings and Four-pence in Bills of the New Tenor.

That the said Bounty be paid immediately after the Arrival of his Majesty's Commission and regular Companies being form'd.

That a good convenient Blanket be delivered to each Soldier on their embarking, for his proper Use and Service.

That the Sum of Fifty Pounds in Bills of the Old Tenor, or Sixteen Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Four-pence in Bills of the New Tenor, be given to the Captain of each Company, to provide necessary Stores for the Soldiers of his Company in their Voyage.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Copy examin'd per Simon Frost, Dep. Secr.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Lisbon, July 23. On the 17th arriv'd the Prince Frederick Packer, Love'll, from Falmouth: On the 22d, the Jane, Chase, from Philadelphia; the Enterprize, Howard, from Boston: On the 23d, the Rainger, Reeve, from Philadelphia. On the 20th arriv'd the Molly, Boardman, for Philadelphia: On the 21st, the Mary, Montgomery, for the Cape de Verd Islands.

HOME PORTS.

Marazion in Mountsbay, Aug. 2. Thursday last arriv'd the Two Sisters, Garland, from Norway. Our Pilchard Fishery hath begun about a Week, in which time 'tis computed there are from two to three thousand Hogheads already taken.

Palmouth, Aug. 2. Wind S. Since my last arriv'd the Anna-Bridgetta-Maria, Nanning, from Amsterdum to take in Tin and Fish for the Straights; the True Briton, Thornton, from Antigua; the Prince Frederick Packer, Lovell, from Lisbon in 11 Days.

Poole, Aug. 4. Wind N. Sailed the William and Mary, Linthorn, and the James and John, Burr, for Newcastle. Came in the Jolliffe Sloop, Thompson, from Tenby, and the John and Peter, Shank, from London.

Cowes, Aug. 4. Wind N. On the 2d came in the Caesar, Wood, for the West Indies; the Cumberland, Wall, for Maryland, both from London; and the Charity, Dunn, from Rotterdam for Belfast: On the 3d, the Walpole, Elphinstone, for Barbados: And this Day, the Lynn Hospital-ship, Cathcart, from Deptford for this Place; the Dove, Sergeant, for Maryland. Sailed the Houghton, Giraud, for Rotterdam.

Deal, Aug. 5. Wind S W. Came down and sail'd thro', the Mary-Ann, Crouch, for South Carolina, the St. Catherine, Roberts, for Oporto, the St. Joseph, De Mendoza, for Lisbon. Arriv'd the Friendship, Wilson, the Neptune, Dunster, the Gibraltar, Mickell, the Harris, Goad, the Mary, Paxton, and the Friendship, Herbert, all from Jamaica; the Carolina Packer, Somerset, from Carolina; the Bee, Webber, from Oporto.

Gravesend, Aug. 5. Pass'd by the Charming Betty, Humphreys, from Riga; the Abby, Lion, the St.

Peter, Calmer, and the Salvator, Muller, from Norway.

Arriv'd

At Bristol, the Virginian, Lewis, from Virginia, and the Nancy, Jones, from Nevis.

At Plymouth, the Priscilla, Warr, late Slayton, from St. Christophers.

At Weymouth, the St. Peter, Bergeson, from Frederickshal.

At Dover, the Janner, Crookenden, from Barbados; the Delight Snow, Lawer, and the Joshua, Dalton, from Boston; the Henry, Marshal, the Ashsted, Lowder, the Nassau, Burn, the Endeavour, Foreman, the Bonetta, Wheatley, the Hunter, Hoins, the Apollo, Brown, the Clarendon, Way, the Snapper, Gray, and the Expedition, Pringle, all from Jamaica.

L O N D O N.

The Ship N. S. de las —, alias el Sol D'Oro, bound from Palma, one of the Canary Islands, to the Havanna with 240 Pipes of Wine and Brandy and a considerable Quantity of dry Goods, was taken the 24th of May by a Privateer commanded by Capt. Willford, and carried into Jamaica.

Yesterday the new-born Son of the Right Hon. the Lord Gower was baptized at his House in Brook-street, Grosvenor's-square, by the Name of John, the Earl of Thanet, the Hon. Mr. Watson, and the Countess of Albemarle were Sponsors.

Last Saturday the Rev. Mr. Watson, M. A. was installed a Prebend in the Collegiate Church of Brecknock, void by Resignation.

Yesterday died at his Lodgings in Duke-street, Grosvenor's-square, Thomas Graves of Balbrake in the County of Sussex, a young Gentleman possessed of an Estate of 1500 l. per annum.

Yesterday Mr. James Butler was unanimously chosen Organist of St. Margaret's Westminster, in the Room of Mr. Purcell, deceased.

Yesterday was held a Board of Admiralty, when their Lordships were pleas'd to appoint Capt. Charles Knowles, Captain of the Diamond, a 40 Gun Ship, which lately arriv'd at Portsmouth as a Convoy with several Merchantships from Jamaica, to be Captain of the Litchfield, a third Rate of 50 Guns, in the Room of Capt. Osborn, who is made Captain of the Diamond, in the Room of Capt. Knowles.

The same Day the second Troop of Grenadier-guards that were encamp'd on Hounslow-heath, were reliev'd by the First Troop.

The same Day was held a Board of Treasury, when several vacant Places in the Customs were fill'd up.

On Tuesday Night last the Right Hon. the Lord Sundon, one of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, came to Town from his Seat at Sundon in Bedfordshire, to his House in Cleveland-row, St. James's.

Yesterday the Three Malefactors mention'd in our last were executed at Tyburn.

High Water this Day	Morning	Evening
at London Bridge.	11 07	11 38

Bank Stock 143 1-half. India 161 1-4th. South Sea 100 1-half. Old Annuity 112 3-4th, 7-8th. New ditto 110 1-half, 5-8th. Three per Cent. 101 1-4th. Seven per Cent. Loan 109 3-8th. Five per Cent. ditto 91 3-8th. Royal Assurance 92 1-half. London Assurance 11 1-half. African 10. India Bonds 5 l. 4 s. to 5 s. Premium. Bank Circulation 5 l. 17 s. 6 d. Prem. Salt Tallow 1-4th to 1-half Prem. English Copper 3 l. 10 s. Welsh ditto 15 s. Three 1-half per Cent. Exchequer Orders 103 1-half Three per Cent. ditto 96 1-half. Million Bank 116. Equivalent 112. Lottery Tickets 5 l. 1 s.

Horsham, August 4, 1740.

At a Meeting of a great Number of Gentlemen, Clergy and Freeholders, at the Affizes held here this Day for the County of Sussex, it was unanimously agreed to put in Nomination,

The Right Hon. HENRY PELHAM, Esq; And, JAMES BUTLER, Esq; (The Present Members) as Candidates to represent this County at the ensuing Election.

General Post-Office, Aug. 6, 1740.

WHEREAS several Bank Notes that were sent by the West Mail when it was robb'd, were found in the Possession of Creak and Kison: This is to give Notice, that the said Notes now are in the Hands of Mr. John Jaffe at the General Post office, and will be delivered to such Persons as will bring the Numbers, Dates and Values of their respective Notes, and can prove their Properties thereto.

Kingston Affizes, July 31. BY the Unanimous Consent of the Grand Jury, Clergy, and other Freeholders of the County of Surrey then present, it was agreed, that there should be a general Meeting of the Gentlemen, Clergy, and other Freeholders of the said County on Wednesday the 20th of August next, at 12 of the Clock at noon, at Exeter, to consider of proper Persons to be propos'd as Candidates to represent the said County in the next Parliament.

Excise-Office, London, July 29. By Order of the Honourable the Commissioners of Excise, &c.

ON Thursday the Seventh of August next, at 12 of the Clock in the Afternoon, will be a Sale (at their Court Room in the Old Jewry) of several Parcels of condemn'd Bobber and Green Tea, Colate, Brandy, Rum, Geneva, &c.

Printed Allotments of the Particulars being delivered at the said Office on Tuesday Morning: Goods may be viewed there, and at the Warehouse the Custom House, on the said Tuesday and the preceding Day of Sale, from Nine in the Morning to Twelve at Noon, and from Two to Five in the Afternoon; and on the Day of Sale, from Nine to Twelve in the Forenoon.

Admiralty Office, August 1.

HIS Majesty having been graciously pleas'd to issue a Warrant under His Royal Sign Manual, bearing Date the 10th of June, 1735, to establish certain Rules for the better Government of the Charity for the poor Widows of Commission and Warrant Officers of the Royal Navy: These are to give Notice to all such whose Husbands died on or since the 30th of August 1722, that Copies of the said Rules and Orders are laid before the Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy at Portsmouth, and Plymouth; as also with the Cheque at Deptford, Woolwich, and Sheerness; and the Naval Officers at Harwich, Deal, and Rye; they may be inform'd of all Particulars which relate to the Benefit of the said Charity, and receive Certificates for that Purpose. But such Widows too great a Distance from the Places above mention'd, apply by Letter to Thomas Corbett, Esq; at the Admiralty Office, who will send them all necessary Information the Governors of the said Charity intending to take the Widows of such Sea Officers who died before the 30th of August 1722, and whose Circumstances are such as to entitle them to the Benefit of the said Charity, to the Rules of the Establishment, their Share of the same to all such Widows, that they may present Certificates and Affidavits, and send or bring them to the Court of Assistants do hereby give Notice that they will meet at this Office on Tuesday the 10th of August next, at Eight o'Clock in the Morning, to consider of the Claims of such Widows as shall be qualified to the said Rules and Orders.

This Day is Publish'd,

A Serious Remonstrance to the People in Regard to the many bold unbecomming Reflections lately published against the Government, Writers for the Malecontents, with a Hint upon the Abuse of the Press. Address'd particularly to the Great Britain. Wherein also the Behaviour of the Government towards his Majesty, and his Administration, both before and since the Commencement of the War, is judiciously and candidly examin'd, and the Malecontent Party fairly and honestly painted in their proper Colours.

By a FRIEND to LIBERTY.

The Policy, I must confess, Is far beyond my Reason's Quest, That such Press-Freedom is allow'd, To cozen and corrupt the Crowd; Left they design the restless Blood, Full Rope enough to hang themselves on, Or else like Toads, as some have been, Swell till they burst with their own Venom.

Printed for J. Roberts, at the Oxford Arms in Pall-mall.

This Day is Publish'd,

(The second Edition, corrected, and enlarged, of)

AN ESSAY on the SINKING FUND, wherein the Nature thereof is explain'd, and the Right of the Publick to that Fund is maintained.

Printed for J. PEARCE, at Locke's Head in the Corner, Paternoster-Row. Price 1 s. 6 d. Reasons for encouraging the Linnen Manufacture in Ireland, and other Parts of Great Britain. Price 1 s.

ALSO The second Edition, corrected, of The Interests of SCOTLAND, as they relate to its Police in employing the Poor, its Agriculture, Trade, its Manufactures, and Fisheries. To which is added an Appendix, containing the Manner of Raising, Pulling, Watering, Graffing, and Dressing of Plantations.